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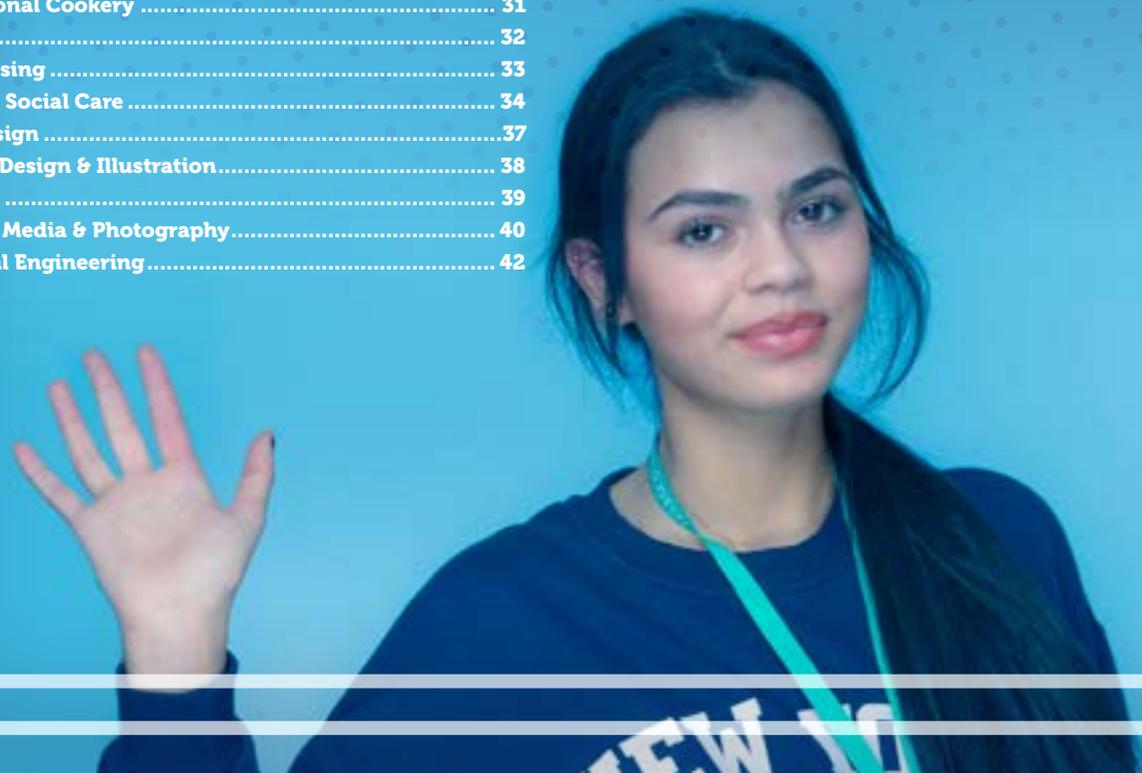


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Full-time Prospectus | 2024

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## Enterprise & Early Years

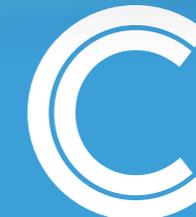
Our Enterprise and Early Years Department includes our Digital Production, Coding and IT courses, Travel and Tourism, Child Care and The Early Years Educator. The department benefits from dedicated industry experienced staff who will support you every step of the way and has fantastic facilities in specially created classrooms and workshops. These including start of the art IT suites, a mock airline cabin and a fully equipped on site nursery.



## School of Art & Design

There has been a School of Art on this site since 1938 and the building still embraces many of the original beautiful Art Deco features, with bright spacious studios, a grand marble staircase and wonderful exhibition areas. The facilities however are of course bang up to date, and our School of Art students have use of the latest iMacs, printmaking equipment, cameras, greenscreens and much more, as well as talented, inspiring teachers to support you every step of the way.

Whatever course you choose, you will find our School of Art and Design an exciting place to develop your skills and fulfill your passion.



## Centre for Construction

Almost 3 million people are employed in the UK construction industry and our Centre for Construction provides a wide range of courses, giving you the opportunity to create a valuable career across the sector.

You will be taught by industry experienced professionals, who all have experience of the career you are training for and know the skills employers want.

The facilities are excellent, modern workshops, with the latest technology and industry standard equipment, plus a massive refurbishment programme planned for early 2024, so the skills you learn and the experience you gain will set you in good stead for a successful career.



## Faculty for Health & Wellbeing

Our faculty for Health and Wellbeing comprises a range of different departments and offers fantastic facilities and passionate supportive staff to help you create a career in this diverse and very rewarding sector.

The faculty has amazing facilities, including a professional hair and beauty salon and a fully working professional kitchen with fine dining restaurant; plus brand new for 2024 will be our fantastic state of the art, mock, teaching hospital wards. So whatever course you choose, you will have an excellent experience and leave us fully prepared for a successful career ahead.

# Welcome



"I do hope that this publication inspires you to join the thousands of other students who choose to take their next step with us each year."

**Michelle Brabner**  
Principal



I am delighted to introduce you to our brand new 2024 prospectus, which I hope will give you an insight into College life with us and help you discover your perfect course.

I look forward to welcoming you to Southport College soon.

### Our aim

Our aim is to prepare you for your chosen career, next steps in education and long term aspirations. At our spacious, town centre campus, we offer excellent teaching from industry experienced teachers and individually tailored student support. Our facilities are first-class and our learning environment is safe and secure. Our students are at the heart of everything we do and all the staff are committed to helping every one of you realise your potential and build a fantastic future.

### Your future

Our students move into quality employment or go on to University following completion of their studies at Southport College. To ensure that our students leave us as well-rounded individuals we enhance our courses by providing many additional opportunities including valuable work placements or work experience through our strong industry links; as well as the chance to take part in sports, volunteering, trips and special events.

### Our Guidance

As a 16 year-old the range of options available to you when you leave school can seem overwhelming, so our Student Guidance team is available to contact for careers and course advice, ensuring you make the best choice for your next steps.

- Excellent results and student progression
- Leading provider of Apprenticeships in the local area
- Brilliant work placements and work related projects
- Easily accessible, spacious town centre location

- Lots of opportunities for sports
- Free travel pass (Terms and conditions apply)
- Fantastic facilities with realistic work environments
- Outstanding student support and courses tailored to your needs

- Friendly, industry-experienced teachers
- Free meals for eligible students
- Strong links with local businesses & industry professionals
- Exciting Enrichment Programme

# Reasons for you to choose Southport College

# We get great feedback

"We are delighted with all aspects of Southport College, in particular with the teachers. Our daughter has blossomed in confidence, enjoys the environment and is making super progress. We couldn't ask for more. Thank you everyone."

"I have found staff at Southport College to be very friendly and approachable. They put everything into helping each individual student to achieve their personal best."

"It has been a very well organised, smooth pathway for my daughter through her first year. No complaints from her so all must be good."

I can't praise the graphics department enough for their mental health support when I was a student. The team are an absolute credit to the college and I'm so grateful to them for all they did for me."

"Since joining Southport College I have seen a dramatic difference in my son. He is so engaged with this course, he's made some great friends and he's just really happy and interested in what he's doing. His teachers have been a fantastic support and he really likes and respects them."

## Student Award Winners

We love to celebrate our student success and our annual awards ceremony is a great way to do this.



"Congratulations to our very own **Katie Jones**, winner of the **Screwfix National Apprentice of the Year.**"



# Student success



# THE STUDENT HUB

## The heart of the College

Our brand new Student Hub is a fantastic, bright and welcoming space right at the heart of the College. It is the first place you come to when you enter the building in the morning and there are a whole host of teams based there ready to help you, whether you need support and guidance or just have a quick question to ask.

There are plenty of PC work stations if you need to catch up on some work or submit an assignment. Plus there are lots of comfy sofas too, ideal for when you want to take time to relax and unwind or have a quick catch up with a friend!

## THE STUDY HUB

## A wide range of resources

An integral part of the Student Hub is our fantastic Study Hub. This is packed with a wide range of resources to help you with your course, your assignments, preparing for exams and any extra reading or research you might wish to do along the way.

The Study Hub is run by a team of dedicated and professional staff, who are always on hand to help. It's also a great space to use when you need somewhere quiet to work independently.

The Study Hub is available to all Southport College Students and is open during normal college hours.

### Call into the Student Hub for:

- Progress Teachers
- The Study Hub
- Careers Advice
- Travel Passes
- Financial Support
- Counselling
- Student Welfare
- Safeguarding
- General enquiries
- And lots more besides!





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# Our facilities

## A modern learning environment

At Southport college we have fantastic facilities and are proud that our students always benefit from bright modern learning environments with the latest tools and technology for their field, so that when you go on to further study or into work you are already experienced in using high quality industry standard equipment.

We invest in all our departments, keeping them fully up-to-date. We are expanding our spacious indoor bricklaying workshops, modernising our theory rooms and installing additional carpentry and joinery workshops. Our motor vehicle department is investing into Electric Vehicles and our electrical department in EV charging point training facilities; all of which are designed to simulate real-world challenges faced in industry and give you the practical experience needed to overcome them.

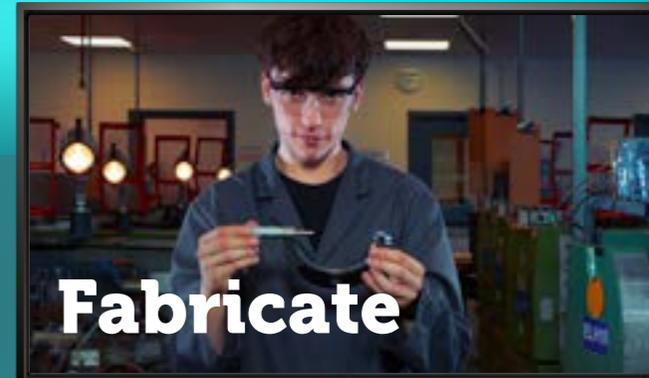
Students studying T Level Engineering can also enjoy refurbished workshops and learning spaces, including a computer aided design suite. The workshops recently benefited from a £1.3m investment programme and are well equipped with a fantastic range of tools and equipment, including plasma cutter, guillotine, break press, bench mounted drill, floor mounted pillar drill, pedestal grinder, lathes and much more.

Whatever course you choose at Southport College, you can be sure of friendly, supportive teachers, a great learning environment and the very best equipment for the job, giving you a real head start creating your career!

When you mix all this with our industry experienced staff and outstanding student support, no wonder so many students choose to create their career with us!



### Construct



### Fabricate



### Diagnose



### Repair



### Build



### Connect

# Our facilities

## Succeed in your dream career

At Southport College you'll benefit from learning in realistic working environments, giving you the confidence and skills to succeed in your dream career.

We have our very own nursery, set up with vibrant wall displays and activity tables, where children from nearby early years settings come and join us, to allow our students to plan activities, observe and get hands on experience.

Concept is our professionally run salon, its open to the public and allows hair and beauty students to gain real salon experience with everything from cuts or colours to massage therapies and facials, using professional salon products and with close supervision and support from our highly experienced staff.

Our School of Art and Design is home bespoke, bright and spacious studios. We have a range of traditional printing presses for students to use as well as a textiles studio with sewing machines and a graphics suite with iMacs.

Plus we have Clouds, our own professional kitchen, bar and fine dining restaurant (see page 28), as well as state-of-the-art workshops to learn painting and decorating, plumbing, electrical engineering and so much more.

### New for 2024

A fantastic new learning environment for our T Level Health. Two superb mock teaching wards, each containing four hospital beds, curtained working areas and nurses stations and designed to simulate a real hospital.



**Teach**



**Style**



**Transform**



**Create**



**Service**



**Imagine**



### Safeguarding & Welfare Support

We recognise our duty of care to students and the wellbeing of our students is paramount at all times. Safeguarding Officers offer support to all learners who may be facing adversity, including those who are Care Experienced, Young Carers, Teenage Parents or who are under the supervision of the Youth Offending Team.

We also work with learners who are in financial crisis and are able to offer financial support via charitable bursaries (subject to eligibility), housing support and access to local foodbanks.

# Student support

### Feel safe

Southport College is committed to creating an environment that is safe and welcoming to all students. As a College, our community includes young people aged 14 to 18 and vulnerable adults.

We ask that you wear your student ID badge at all times and our security staff monitor this throughout the day. For this reason and as part of our commitment to safeguard our students and provide a secure place to learn; we ask all potential students to declare if they have a criminal conviction, any pending court cases or if they have been charged with any criminal offence either at application stage or during their course.

You will be asked to complete a declaration at the point of enrolment. If you do have convictions, you won't be automatically excluded from enrolling on a College course; each case will be considered individually.



**We can help you with:**

- Information, advice and guidance about courses
- Impartial careers guidance and support
- Financial assistance such as travel passes, help with kits, uniforms and childcare
- Access to the Safeguarding and Welfare Team
- Counselling support



## Financial Support

### 16-19 bursaries

This is a fund intended to assist those students who face the greatest barriers to being in education, e.g. care leavers, young people in care and young people in receipt of Income Support. Students who do not qualify for the full £1,200 may still qualify for help from the Bursary Fund with course-related costs, e.g. kit, equipment, uniforms, books. Please ask at your course discussion.

### Discretionary bursaries

Students who do not meet the criteria for the above, but are facing financial hardship, can apply for help towards uniforms, certain trips, UCAS fees, DBS and other course related costs. Students must have a household income of less than £38,500 as assessed by HMRC, or the family must be in receipt of a means-tested benefit.

### Travel passes

The College offers students\* who live over 1 mile away from College and study a full-time Further Education course the opportunity to apply for a free travel pass or funds. See page 26.

\*Students aged 16-18 who live more than 3 miles away from the College on a full time course will be eligible for travel passes (or funds where necessary). Students who live 1 to 2.9 miles away from the College and are 16-18 are means tested before passes are issued.

### Care to Learn (Childcare support)

Care to Learn provides financial support for young parents. The scheme can pay up to £160 a week towards childcare. You must be aged under 20 on the date you start your course.

## Learning Support

### Support for identified students

Identified students who disclose a support need are individually interviewed to assess their needs and the level/type of support or tutoring required. We also regularly review all students receiving support to ensure the most appropriate support is in place. We are proud to have an outstanding student support structure that is tailored to your individual needs.

### In addition the College has:

- A Health and Wellbeing Coordinator who coordinates a service for students identified with a medical need, attends first aid calls and can signpost students to relevant outside agencies.
- Learning support in and out of class
- Learning Support Suite (to aid the transition to College)
- Personal care assistants
- Safe 'time-out' space
- Social/emotional/behavioural support
- Supervision at lunch and break time if needed
- Support and/or screening by our Specialist Tutoring Team for students with specific learning difficulties (SpLDs) in order to apply for access arrangements e.g. extra time, reader, scribe etc.
- Support with communication skills
- Transition visits

For further information please contact the Learning Support Team on 01704 392862 or via email on [learningsupport@southport.ac.uk](mailto:learningsupport@southport.ac.uk)



# Enrichment Hub

## So many activities for you

### Your enrichment programme may include:

- Driving Theory Course
- Environmental Sustainability Programme
- Work Readiness Programme
- Student Council
- Spark Radio
- Mindfulness
- Resilience Toolkits
- Stress help
- Creative Art Sessions
- Mandala Colouring
- Piano for Beginners
- Charity Events
- LGBTQIA+ Champions
- Eco Ambassadors
- Quizzes
- 5-a-side football
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Free gym membership
- Short tennis
- Table tennis
- Volleyball



### Opportunities for you

The Enrichment programme is about providing opportunities to bring learning to life and broaden your range of interests.

# Fantastic results & exciting destinations

## University Careers

Many of our students choose to continue their studies at University and in 2023 97% achieved their first choice. Level 3 Extended Diplomas are the equivalent of three A-Levels and worth up to 168 UCAS points, which can be used to get on to your chosen degree course.

Universities will set the minimum number of points required for entry on to each course they offer and it means you can work out if you have the right qualifications and grades to apply. Make sure you check the University website for specific entry requirements if you have a particular course in mind.

Our students are now studying at Universities across the country, many of which are those in the Russell Group, including:

- Bangor University
- Edge Hill University
- Exeter University
- Goldsmiths University
- Kings College London
- Leeds College of Art
- Liverpool John Moores University
- University of Liverpool
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- University of Manchester
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of York

For all our students the ultimate goal is to get a job in their chosen sector and because of the great results they achieve and the level of skills they acquire whilst with us, Southport College students are in demand.

Throughout your time at college, you will have access to a Careers Advisor who is there to help you with career choices and creating job applications that really stand out, so whether you choose to begin your career locally or to move further afield, you will have all the tools you need to help you secure your dream role.

We have recent students who have joined the armed forces or set up their own successful businesses and many others who are now working in high level employment for prestigious companies including:

- BAE Systems
- Cooperheat
- Fletchers Solicitors
- Formby Hall
- Lattimer's Engineering
- Liverpool Women's Hospital
- Merseyside Police
- Monkey Puzzle Nurseries
- Studio 397
- Southport and Ormskirk Hospital
- The Royal Navy
- The Vincent Hotel
- Toni and Guy

# Progress Tutors

## Progress Sessions

You will have timetabled sessions with your Progress Tutor where as a group, you'll be discussing a whole host of fascinating topics to help develop your knowledge about society, health, wellbeing and careers, all building your skills for life.

You'll learn all sorts of new things about equality and diversity, budgeting and finance and much more, all designed to help shape you for your future.

A big part of what the Progress Team do is preparing you for your future career. We can work with you to build a fantastic CV or UCAS application that will help you into the career, Apprenticeship or University you are dreaming of.

## One-to-one help

You will have one-to-one sessions with your Progress Tutor too, which are excellent opportunities to receive individually tailored support during your time at college.

## We will discuss:

- **Progress in your subjects**
- **What support you need in college and how we can help. We can also signpost you to other college services such as careers, welfare and safeguarding**
- **What your career goals are and how we can support you to work towards these**
- **Your applications to university, apprenticeships and employment and how to make them stand out**

## What we do

- **Help you to prepare for your future career**
- **Offer advice on progression options**
- **Support you in completing your qualification**
- **Monitor your progress and attendance in college**
- **Link you with other support services in the college**



At Southport College, you will have a dedicated 'Progress Tutor' who is here to offer you support and help you to make progress on your course as well as towards your individual goals.

# English & maths

More and more businesses are insisting their employees have GCSEs in both English and maths at grade four or above and it is an essential part of university entry criteria too.

If you don't already have a grade four in English and maths when you arrive at Southport College, we will create a personalised study programme for you that will fit alongside the course you have chosen and will help you to achieve these vital qualifications. All you need to achieve and succeed is commitment and engagement.

## Make English work for you

English at the College is very enjoyable and achieving a qualification in it gives you the best opportunity for a fantastic career.

Our caring and professional teachers are experts at supporting students to get the results they need.

Alongside our interactive, student-focused lessons we offer additional support sessions and a range of additional enrichment opportunities such as Creative Writing competitions, a reading group and an Amnesty International group for students who want to make a difference.

## What you will study

Your personalised study programme may include:

### GCSE English Language

The GCSE English language course offers modules in Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing and Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives. The course will help you gain lots of transferable skills that will prove invaluable in the future.

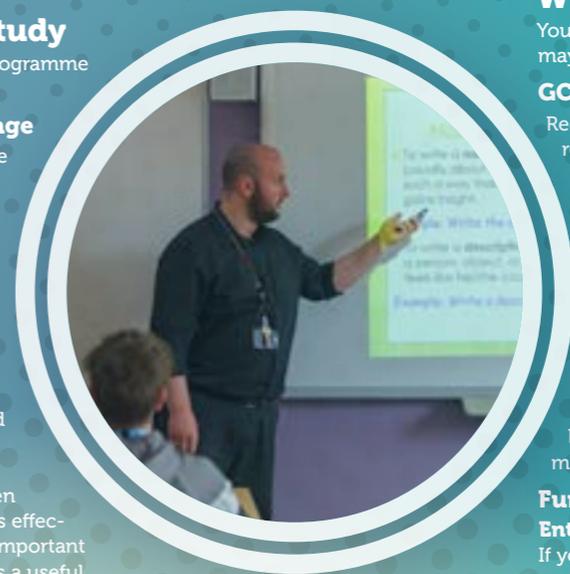
In addition, you are offered the opportunity to practise your presentation and listening skills in the Spoken Language endorsement. As effective communication is so important in a range of careers, this is a useful skill to develop.

## Functional Skills English Entry Level/Level 1

This is a stepping stone to Level 2 Functional Skills or GCSE and provides the building blocks of English such as sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and comprehension.

### Level 2

An alternative to GCSE if future plans do not require this qualification. It refreshes topics such as sentence structure, punctuation and grammar but also provides knowledge of how to analyse and interpret meaning in text. You learn skills such as letter, report and article writing, essential for the workplace.



## Make maths work for you

Maths lessons at Southport College are highly interesting and engaging as teachers use a variety of resources including many new interactive platforms to teach with.

Our dedicated maths teachers are experts both in the subject and at supporting students, delivering exciting lessons as well as additional support sessions where appropriate. They are here to fully prepare you for any exams and teach techniques in the classroom that reflect the exam papers.

## What you will study

Your personalised study programme may include:

### GCSE Maths

Requested by most employers and required for entry into university, GCSE Maths is a fantastic qualification to help get you onto the career path you want.

We teach the latest syllabus which focuses more on mathematical thinking and problem solving. Some questions in exams are contextually set in the real world so we have an emphasis on using real life problems in the classroom and applying maths techniques to solve them.

## Functional Skills Maths Entry Level/Level 1

If you haven't achieved a GCSE maths grade, we can offer an Entry Level or Level 1 Functional Skills course to prepare you for maths GCSE.



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# Industry Links

## Working relationships

We have close links with many employers in the region, both large and small. This is not only to ensure we are providing our students with the knowledge, attitude and transferable skills employers are looking for when developing their workforce, but through these links we can offer students Apprenticeships, guest speakers, live briefs, valuable work placements and much more.

“At AMP EV, we are proud to work closely with Southport College.”



“The range of qualifications the college offers, is ideal for us as an employer and means there is a pool of enthusiastic students wanting to gain either electrical installation or business administration work experience, coming to us work ready and with right skills so we can continue to meet the demands of installing electric vehicle chargers throughout the UK.

I believe that the experience students get doing real work placements in industry is invaluable. It's important that they are learning the technical skills and theory in a controlled environment in college but the challenges that the real world throws at you is not as easy to simulate. Students working with us often face unexpected challenges and this is great for developing quick-thinking and good problem-solving skills.

Although we are based in Southport, students get to experience working with clients all over the UK, meeting people from all different backgrounds and industries as we provide our services. It really broadens their horizons and by shadowing our experienced team, we can mould both their practical and customer service skills to fit our requirements.

Whether students want to stay on with us following their placement, or they want to find employment elsewhere, I truly believe that the experience and skills they gain with us, coupled with a qualification from Southport College makes them ideal candidates for permanent full-time jobs for any employer.”

Most of our courses include a valuable work placement, which is designed to give you hands on experience of the industry and give you confidence in the workplace.

## Businesses we have worked with

- Army
- Bijou Cinema Southport
- Blackpool Pleasure Beach
- CAE Technology Systems
- Clynol
- Cooperheat
- Declor
- Dovehaven Care Homes
- Dulux Paints
- Edge Hill University
- Farmageddon
- Fletchers Solicitors
- Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa
- Graham & Brown
- Hamilton Acorn
- Hogg Robinson UK
- Ilford & Harman Technology
- J.A.R.E Airline Training Partnership
- Jason James Salon
- Lattimers
- Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation
- L'Oreal
- Mac
- MD Travel
- Mikhail Hotel and Leisure Group
- Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery
- RAF
- Royal Academy Arts
- Samaritans UK
- Sound City Liverpool
- Southport Flower Show
- Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust
- The Atkinson
- The Vincent
- UCLan
- University of Cumbria



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# Apprenticeships

## What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a job with training and an alternative route into skilled employment. They are designed in partnership with employers to ensure employees gain the skill they need to do their job well.

Apprenticeships are offered in over 1500 occupations and available to people over the age of 16. How does an Apprenticeship work? Apprentices work alongside experienced staff to gain knowledge, experience and ultimately a qualification in the area they wish to pursue a career in. Apprentices can be paid the National Minimum Apprenticeship Wage or the National Minimum Wage according to age but some apprentices earn significantly more.

As part of the structured programme, Apprentices work towards qualifications by studying technical skills and carrying out practical assessments. Depending on your employer and their type of business you may receive training on a day-release basis, where you would attend college one day a week. However for some Apprenticeships, all training is delivered in the work place

For more information  
about Apprenticeships  
visit [www.southport.ac.uk/  
apprenticeships](http://www.southport.ac.uk/apprenticeships)



## Can I do an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships can be challenging as you will be working for an employer and training for your job role at the same time. Our checklist below will tell you if an Apprenticeship could be the route for you:

- **You must be over the age of 16 and have completed your GCSEs**
- **You must find a job in your chosen sector and have an interest in progressing in that job role**
- **Your employer must be willing to offer you an Apprenticeship**
- **You will need a good work ethic, excellent timekeeping and a professional approach**

## How do I get an Apprenticeship?

### Look for vacancies

Register with the National Apprenticeships Services [www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship) and view their current vacancies. If you are interested in any of the advertised vacancies you can apply through their website.

You can also view the Apprenticeship vacancies on the Southport College website. These are the vacancies where Southport College will deliver the training for those employers.

### Approach employers

You can find your own Apprenticeship by approaching businesses with your CV and a Covering Letter.

Remember to choose businesses that you are interested in working for.

### Join our talent pool

Once you've finished your GCSEs you can join the talent pool at Southport College. We may be able to match you with an Apprenticeship and an employer that suits you.

To join our talent pool send your CV and covering letter to: [employer.partnerships@southport.ac.uk](mailto:employer.partnerships@southport.ac.uk)

# Find your level

## Connect (Entry Level)

Our Connect course is for learners who are working towards Entry Level 2.

The course is tailored to a student's individual needs and focuses on the transition to College from school as well as preparation for their next step.

It consists of two 1 year courses dependent on the ability/achievements of students. The course is designed to give students the confidence and skills to progress on to one of our vocational courses, work experience through a supported internship or move towards independent living.

## Aspire (Entry Level 3)

This is a one-year course designed to help students to prepare for their next step on the career ladder.

Students learn employability and independent living skills and take tasters in a number of different subjects to help them to choose what they would like to progress to next.

## Ambition (Level 1 Pathways)

Our Level 1 pathways allow learners to explore and gain skills in four exciting vocational areas whilst at the same time developing maths, English and employability skills.

The course takes a year to complete and there are 4 pathways to choose from. They are a great introduction to the subjects and are designed to help you choose what you might like to progress to at Level 2, or alternatively where you might like to work or start an apprenticeship.

## Level 1

Available in a wide range of subjects.

These one year courses are an introduction to your chosen subject. When you have finished the course you will be ready for Level 2, full-time work or an Apprenticeship.

For entry requirements, please see the individual course listings.

## Level 2

One-year courses available in a wide range of subjects.

You will study your chosen subject in detail as well as put the theory into practice.

After you have completed the course you will have the option of progressing to Level 3, looking for full-time work or perhaps starting an Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements for this level vary from course to course; please see the individual course listings.

## Level 3

These vocational qualifications take one or two years to complete depending on your chosen subject.

Certain Level 3 courses will give you enough UCAS points to progress onto university. Others pave the way for progression onto an Advanced or Higher Apprenticeships.

To study a skills-based course at Level 3 you will need a Level 2 qualification in a vocationally related area.

## T Levels

T Levels are our exciting new Level 3 qualifications that are being introduced in various subject areas.

They are equivalent to three A-Levels and focus on technical skills that can help students into skilled employment, university or apprenticeships.

They all include a substantial and highly valuable industry placement.

We are proud to have been selected to offer T Levels in eight areas for 2024.

## Level 3 Extended Diplomas

Along with T Levels these are the vocational equivalent of A-Levels.

They take two years to complete, give you the UCAS points to apply to University and can be worth the equivalent of three A\*grades at A-Level.

They also give you the experience that businesses want so you can apply for a job or an Apprenticeship.



The courses at Southport College are developed with employees and designed to get you where you want to be. Whatever qualifications you leave school with, we have a course for you. It's all about finding the right level!



# UP IN THE CLOUDS



Southport's best kept secret...



Clouds is our fully working restaurant that gives Hospitality & Catering students the necessary work experience to be successful within the hospitality and catering industry.

The students will gain experience in how to run a restaurant and bar as well as learn crucial event management skills.



Clouds is open to the public for a fine dining lunch experience and a host of special events on various dates during the year. New customers are always welcome!  
For opening times or to make a reservation call 01704 392676.



## Burns Night

Throughout the year, our hospitality and professional cookery students host various special themed events. Burns Night is just one! This wonderful event, which includes a traditional piping in of the haggis, is always a sell out with our customers and a firm favourite with our students too!

# Hospitality

Level 1 Hospitality - Introduction to the industry		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 2 including English and maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in an Entry Level 3 qualification (see page 61) and GCSE English or maths at grade 2 (or equivalent)	

This course will help you to gain the practical skills that you need to work in the Hospitality Industry. Learn in a professional kitchen and restaurant. Cover a range of exciting topics including basic food preparation & cooking, preparing & serving drinks, customer service and health and safety. A wide variety of teaching methods are used and you will cover English, maths and personal skills too. After successfully completing this qualification you could progress to a Level 2 in Professional Food & Beverage Service or Level 1 Professional Cookery, or perhaps start an Apprenticeship in the industry.

You will cover the practical and theory sides of Hospitality and professional cookery.

Creating Careers in  
Hospitality and  
Professional Cookery

Find out about  
opportunities and  
salaries available to you.



Level 2 Hospitality - Food & Beverage Service		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English or maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)	

This course is ideal if you want a career in the hospitality industry and covers a wide range of interesting topics, including food & bar service, beverage product knowledge, menu creation, handling payments & bookings, customer service, health & safety and workplace skills. You will be based in our fantastic Clouds Restaurant, working with real paying customers and will develop the skills to always deliver a great dining experience.

Your programme will also include maths, English, practical and team skills. Successful completion will allow you to progress on to Level 3 Diploma in Food and Beverage Supervision or alternatively you could use your qualification to start work within the industry.

Level 3 Hospitality – Supervision & Principles		One year
Minimum entry requirements Pass grade in Level 2 Hospitality and grade 4 in GCSE English or maths (or equivalent)		

On this course, you will develop your front of house and leadership skills to enable you to work at a supervisor level in the Hospitality Industry. This is a progression route from Level 2 and is based in our fantastic Clouds Restaurant, working with real customers. You will gain the skills to oversee running a restaurant, as well as paring wines, creating cocktails, carving and cooking at the table.

You will study a wide variety of modules including planning & supervising service operations, being a licensee, preparing and serving drinks and supervising hospitality events. After successfully completing the course, you will have the skills needed for a range of career opportunities including Restaurant Supervisor, Bar Manager, Sommelier, Event Manager or Trainee Banqueting Manager.

# Professional Cookery

Level 1 Professional Cookery		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 2 including English and maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in an Entry Level 3 qualification (see page 61) and GCSE English or maths at grade 2 (or equivalent)	

This Course is aimed at those who want to pursue a career in professional cookery or the hospitality industry and will develop your general culinary skills as well as covering areas such as food safety, menu development, healthy eating; baking and patisserie. You will be based in Clouds, our fantastic professional kitchen and restaurant, and will gain a broad understanding of the industry and well as getting lots of hands-on practical experience and enjoying demonstrations from visiting professional chefs. Maths, English and ICT will also form part of your programme. Successfully completing the course will enable you to progress to Level 2 Professional Cookery.

Level 2 Professional Cookery		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English or maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)	

This exciting course covers both the practical and theory sides of professional cookery and will give you the skills you need to progress in the fast moving industry. You will be based in our professional kitchen and restaurant, Clouds, using industry standard equipment and preparing food for real paying customers. The course covers a range of topics, including how to prepare meat, poultry, vegetables and pulses and how to cook sauces, soups and stocks, as well as food safety, special diets, kitchen operations and menu planning. On successful completion of this course you could move directly into employment, or you may choose to progress to Level 3 and develop more specialist skills.

Level 3 Hospitality – Supervision & Principles		One year
Minimum entry requirements Pass grade in Level 2 Professional Cookery and grade 4 in GCSE English or maths (or equivalent)		

This City and Guilds Level 3 VRQ Diploma in Professional Cookery will give you the skills you need for complex or advanced food preparation and cooking. It covers a variety of high level modules including preparing, cooking and finishing complex meat, fish, poultry and vegetable dishes, hot and cold sauces and dressings. You will also develop the skills to run a kitchen and a section; guide, monitor and delegate to the Level 1 and 2 students and create and plan complex and high level menus. After successful completion of the course you will be well prepared to start work in the industry or you may wish to progress into higher education.

It's a fantastic course and the professional kitchens in Clouds are brilliant. Preparing the food for the themed evenings was a really great experience.

# Beauty



**Creating Careers in  
Hair and Beauty**

**Find out about  
opportunities and  
salaries available to you.**



<b>Level 2 Beauty Therapy</b>	One year
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Minimum entry requirements  
Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English and maths

Alternatively	Pass grade in a Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and grade 3 in GCSE English and maths (or equivalent)
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This course is the ideal preparation for a career as a beauty/spa therapist and will give you a substantial recognised vocational qualification. You will develop knowledge and understanding of anatomy and physiology, health and safety and client care as well as learn all about the beauty therapy products and equipment you will use daily.

You will develop competent skills in a host of beauty treatments, including facial skin care, eyebrows and eyelashes, waxing, manicures, pedicures and make up application as well as learning about salon reception duties and customer service.

On successful completion you can progress to a Level 3 Beauty Diploma or start work as a junior therapist in a variety of different settings.

<b>Level 3 Beauty Therapy</b>	One year
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Minimum entry requirements  
Pass grade in Level 2 Beauty Therapy and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and English or maths at grade 3

This Level 3 Diploma will prepare you for employment as an advanced beauty massage therapist, with the knowledge, understanding and skills to work competently. You will become proficient in body massage using pre-blended aromatherapy oils, Indian head massage, body electrical treatments and facial electrical treatments. You will also learn about safety control and how to plan promotional activities. Successful completion could see you working as a beauty massage therapist in a salon, day spa, cruise ship or even running your own business and it also opens up opportunities for lots of Level 4 qualifications too, including skin rejuvenation, physiology for advanced beauty therapy or Laser and Intense Pulsed Light.

# Hairdressing



I am learning so many new things on this course, it's really hands on, there's a great mix of students and I'm really happy here!

<b>Level 2 Hairdressing</b>	One year
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Minimum entry requirements  
Three GCSEs at grade 3 including GCSE English and maths

Alternatively	Pass grade in a Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and grade 3 in GCSE English and maths (or equivalent)
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This VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing has been specifically designed to develop your practical skills in the art of cutting or dressing women's hair, providing effective shampooing and conditioning services, skills in colouring and lightening hair and providing a good consultation for your clients.

Underpinning this qualification you will develop a sound knowledge and understanding of each unit including health and safety and working in the hairdressing industry. You will develop your practical skills to a high level of occupational ability so you can perform your own salon services. On successful completion, will have the opportunity to progress to the following VTCT qualifications; Level 2 Diploma in Barbering, Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing or Level 3 Advanced Hairdressing Apprenticeship.

<b>Level 3 Hairdressing Apprenticeship</b>	One year
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Minimum entry requirements  
Pass in Level 2 Hairdressing and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and English or maths at grade 3.

Upon completion of Level 2, you can progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship where you will have paid work at a salon and spend a portion of your working week with off-the-job training. You're treated just like all the other employees, with a contract of employment and holiday leave.

Your training will be the Level 3 Hairdressing programme, designed for your specific job role. You will have visits from your workplace assessor and they will guide you through your coursework, observe the work you do and ensure you are on track. To help ensure you get a suitable Apprenticeship, you are encouraged to approach employers directly or if you are already in employment, speak your boss about supporting you through an Apprenticeship. You can also register with the National Apprenticeships Service to apply for vacancies. Find more information on Apprenticeships at [www.southport.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.southport.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

# Health & Social Care

Level 2 Health & Social Care		One year
Minimum entry requirements 3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English, Maths and science. Plus a satisfactory DBS		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and GCSE grade 3 in English and maths and a satisfactory DBS	

There are over 500 different jobs within the NHS; the biggest employer in Europe and the world's largest employer of highly skilled professionals. If you are looking to pursue a career in nursing, social work or occupational therapy, this course is designed to provide you with experience and an insight into the health and social care sector. If you want to study T Level Health or Level 3 Extended Diploma, this is the perfect stepping-stone for you allowing you to gain the entry requirements.

You will cover a range of topics including communication and ensuring safe environments in health and social care. The impact of diet on health, care values and improving health and wellbeing. You'll also gain vocational experience by taking part in a valuable placement in a relevant health and social care setting.

T Level Healthcare (Acorns)		Two years
Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English, maths and science, plus a satisfactory DBS		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 (or equivalent) and a satisfactory DBS	

Our T Level in Healthcare is a fantastic way to prepare you for the NHS, medical and social work environments, as it also includes a minimum of 315 hours of valuable work placement, in varied settings, where you aspire to work. Using our excellent links with Southport, Ormskirk and Liverpool Women's Hospitals, as well as other local healthcare providers, we can help find you a suitable placement.

In college, you'll be based in our brand-new, state of the art simulation hospital wards and our industry expert teachers will deliver a diverse range of engaging course content. In the second year of the course, you will study an occupational specialism called 'Supporting the Adult Nursing Team', which supports a diverse range of career options. We also invite various guest speakers over the duration of the course, including ex-students who give learners additional insights into many aspects of the healthcare sector.

## Creating Careers in Health and Social Care

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



The course was great because it offered a placement in a hospital where I had the opportunity to work on orthopaedics, physio wards and with respiratory patients.





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Learn all the skills that  
you need to work in the  
Creative Industries.

Creating Careers in  
Art and Design

Find out about  
opportunities and  
salaries available to you.



# Art & Design



Level 2 Art & Design		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSE's at grade 3 including English and maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and GCSE Grade 3 in maths and English	

An absolutely fantastic introduction to a range of specialist areas in the field of visual arts and design. Your studies include an exciting range of techniques such as painting & drawing, photography, textiles, 3D design & crafts, fine art, printmaking, fashion and art history. Through demonstrations, practical, theory and research sessions, our teachers help students develop their skills and knowledge and upon completion, will have been provided with a good basis ready for study at Level 3.

Right from the first open day, I fell in love with all the traditional equipment in the print workshops. It's a fantastic course and all the teachers are so friendly and welcoming.

Level 3 Art & Design		One year
Minimum entry requirements Five GCSEs at grade 4 including maths or English and maths or English at grade 3 and a good portfolio		
Alternatively	Level 2 qualification in related subject and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)	

Become a well-rounded creative art student, exploring and developing a broad range of art and design specialisms, taught by teachers who also work in the industry as practising artists and designers. You will form your own specialist practice through experimentation and exploration, creating a strong portfolio of work that is displayed in an end of year public exhibition.

There is access to studio spaces, printmaking and textiles workshops, photography studios and state of the art equipment. You are encouraged to engage with competitions, live briefs, community work, employer engagement and attend inspirational trips to places such as Liverpool, London and Berlin. Throughout the course, you'll be guided through your progression options with talks, university visits, meeting ex-students and support with UCAS applications from our experienced, supportive team.

Level 4 Foundation Art & Design		One year
Minimum entry requirements Level 3 qualification in related subject and GCSE English and maths at grade 4		

For students considering going onto an art-based degree, many universities prefer that they first complete a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. This year long course bridges the gap from general college study to full-time art course at university. Whilst further continuing to explore and experiment with materials, techniques and processes, you will develop into an independent artist, transitioning from being assigned and directed to your projects to a position of a refined area of specialism.



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### Level 3 Graphic Design

One year

Minimum Entry Requirements  
Five GCSEs at grade 4 including maths or English and maths or English at grade 3 and a good portfolio

Alternatively Level 2 qualification in related subject and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)

In our Graphic Design studios, learn how to think logically and creatively to solve visual communication problems. Students have access to two Mac suites, photography studio and film and TV studio. As well as computer-based design, students learn traditional materials, techniques and processes. Taught by professional designers, you will learn about branding, marketing, illustration, photography, layout, image manipulation, printmaking, typography, animation and more.

Previous students have undertaken short work placements in graphic design studios, advertising agencies, printers and architects. Local businesses offer design briefs, known as 'live projects' allowing students to create logos, branding and artwork for signage, posters and stickers, used in the real world, a fantastic addition to their portfolios.

## Creating Careers in Graphic Design

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



The graphics studio is a great space to work, I love using the iMacs with all the Adobe apps. The teachers are really creative, helpful and always support you.

# Graphic Design & Illustration



## GALLERY



New for 2024

### Level 2 Floristry

One year

Minimum Entry Requirements  
Three GCSEs at grade 3 including GCSE English and maths

Brand New for 2024 is our Level 2 floristry course. This is ideal for creative students who are interested in a career in floristry and it covers a range of skills including how to condition flowers and foliage correctly, buying flowers and choosing accessories.

During the course you will create a wide range of floral designs, including hand tied bouquets, large and small arrangements and seasonal décor, as well as some basic wedding and funeral work.

On completion of the course you could progress to our Floristry T Level (starts 2025) or it could help you secure work in the Florist Industry.





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## Creating Careers in Creative Media and Photography

Find out about  
opportunities and  
salaries available to you.



I love the course.  
The teachers are really  
interesting and  
getting to do lots of  
photography and  
filming makes the  
days so much fun!

# Creative Media & Photography

Our students have access to an amazing media centre, fully kitted out with iMac suite, film and TV studio, photography studio, dark room and all the equipment needed to succeed. There's modern DSLR and traditional film cameras, greenscreens, sound and video equipment, gimbals, stabilisers, lighting, tripods and so much more for you to use, enabling you to produce amazing static and moving imagery. Our technicians are on standby to assist you with all your film and photography needs.



Level 2 Creative Media	One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including GCSE English and maths	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and GCSE Grade 3 in maths and English

This exciting new course will enable you to start building the technical skills and knowledge relevant to industries in the media sector such as film, TV, animation, games design, graphic design, audio/music technology and media. Your teachers will introduce you to our media suite and equipment which includes iMacs, cameras, lighting equipment, photography studio, dark room and film and TV studio. They will help you to develop the research skills which underpin all media productions as well as gaining a basic understanding of employment opportunities, job requirements and working practices in the media sector.

Level 3 Creative Media Production Technology and Photography	Two years
Minimum entry requirements Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English or maths and GCSE English or maths at grade 3	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)

This course will give you sound technical & aesthetic knowledge in both filmmaking and photography. The project briefs reflect the diverse roles that are available beyond the course and the project tasks allow you to grow as a person whilst learning more advanced technical skills too.

First year projects include Landscape, Portrait and Social Documentary photography and film making and culminate in a major end of year piece. In the second year you will project manage your work production, live brief scenarios are used and learners are encouraged to get work published and enter competitions. Assignments are chosen to reflect the industry and include a multi-media campaign, TV commercial, product photography, website building, social media presence and more. The industry is vast and the job roles infinite, however the techniques and communication skills remain constant. Learners are encouraged to dig deeper into their specific area of specialism in year 2 so that they have a greater understanding of the career pathways and degree courses available.



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# Electrical Engineering

Level 1 Electrical Installation		One year
Minimum Entry Requirements Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English, maths and science Alternatively Completion of the Level 2 qualification and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in an Entry Level 3 qualification (see page 61)	

Electricians install, maintain, and repair electrical machinery, appliances and wiring and it requires several years to become a fully certified. We have been providing the pathway into this well-paid industry for years and many students who didn't meet the Level 2 entry requirements, started learning the basics at Level 1 and successfully worked their way up.

Level 2 Electrical Installation		One year
Minimum Entry Requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English & maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE maths at grade 4	

The Level 2 course provides the basic skills and experience needed to progress to an electrical career and will quickly develop your skills and competence in domestic, commercial and industrial electrical installation. You'll learn in well-equipped workshops and be taught by experienced, time-served electricians. There is practical and theory-based learning, including the principles of electrical science, installation of wiring systems and enclosures and electrical installations technology.

T Level Electrotechnical Engineering		Two years
Minimum Entry Requirements 5 GCSEs at grade 4 including English, maths and science Alternatively Completion of the Level 2 qualification and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths		
Alternatively	Completion of the T Level Transition Programme and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths	

This new T Level is a vital step to be an Electrician or Electrical Engineer. Industry expert tutors will teach you the practical and theory, including design, construction and testing of systems, repairing electrical faults, the science & principles and working safely. Plus our workshops and NAPIT testing room are well equipped with industry standard systems and equipment.

You will have an extensive work placement with a local employer and the programme will prepare you for working in the industry or further study.

# Engineering

Level 2 Engineering		One year
Minimum Entry Requirements Grade 4 in GCSE maths and three GCSEs at grade 3 including English and science		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and GCSE English and maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)	

This practical and theory-based course will give you a good understanding of general engineering principles and you will study all areas including Machining and Fabrication, with lots of hands on experience using industry standard machining, lathes, milling machines and lots more. It is the first step towards an Engineering Apprenticeship or an alternative route to our T Level in Engineering.

T Level Engineering		Two years
Minimum Entry Requirements Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English, maths and science		
Alternatively	Completion of the Level 2 qualification and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths	

T Level Engineering is new for 2024 and will give you hands-on skills and the underpinning knowledge to succeed. You will also benefit from an extended work placement in the sector.

The course covers the key themes of engineering and prepares you for entry into the many different areas at university level including Mechanical, Electronic and Aeronautical Engineering. You will study exciting projects in modules such as Mechanical Principles and Applications, Computer Aided Design, CNC, Fabrication and electronic devices and also have access to our state-of-the-art computer laboratories. When you qualify, the world of engineering will be at your feet either through university or high level employment.

## Creating Careers in Engineering

Find out about  
opportunities and  
salaries available to you.





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# Gas Engineering



The teachers are really good, they have lots of experience and support you in any way you need. You're treated like an adult, there's lots of respect and everyone gets on.

Level 2 Building Services Engineering		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English or maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and GCSE English or maths at grade 3	

For students considering a career as a plumber, electrician or gas fitter, this course is an excellent platform to start from. It gives an introduction to four main building services industries, including Plumbing, Electrotechnical, Heating & Ventilation and Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, all taught in our specific industry workshops, by expert teachers in these fields.

Upon completion, students can then choose an area in which they would like to specialise and move onto a Level 2 in that field. For those wanting to go down the plumbing and heating route, they may progress to Level 2 Plumbing, which opens the door to either Level 3 Plumbing or Level 3 Gas Installation. For students wanting to continue down the electrical route, they can progress to Level 2 Electrical Installation (see page 42) and continue progressing through the qualifications.

Level 3 Gas Installation & Maintenance		Two years
Minimum entry requirements Students must be aged 19+ and complete a satisfactory course discussion.		

For students over 19, seeking to become Gas Safe registered in a career as a Gas Engineer, you must become fully qualified to do so. This course is a specifically designed pathway, training you to become competent at installing, servicing and maintaining complex gas systems and provide you with the qualification to join the Gas Safe register and start working in the industry.

You will experience an in-depth study of gas systems, in both theory and hands-on practical lessons, including boilers, cookers and heating systems, all in our fantastic gas workshops. These are equipped with all types of appliances found in domestic and industrial systems, from basic fireplaces to complex heating systems. Alongside the course you will also gain real-world practical experience by undertaking a work placement with a Gas Safe registered company.

# Plumbing



## Creating Careers in Gas and Plumbing

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



Level 1 Plumbing		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 2		
Alternatively	Pass grade in an Entry Level 3 qualification (see page 61)	

Students who wish to study to become a plumber or gas engineer but don't meet the Level 2 entry requirements have the opportunity to study Level 1 Plumbing. This qualification will provide them with the underpinning knowledge, skills and qualifications needed to enrol onto the intermediate Level 2 course.

Taught by supportive, industry expert teachers, Level 1 gives students a footing onto the Level 2 course, which is the pathway to either Level 3 Plumbing or Gas Installation, all necessary in the journey to becoming fully qualified in either industry.

Level 2 Plumbing & Heating		One year
Minimum entry requirements Grade 3 in GCSE English and maths and Science		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and grade 3 in English and maths	

For those wanting to enter either the plumbing or gas industries, the Level 2 is a fantastic stepping-stone to the qualifications you need. Whether you want to focus on the plumbing route, installing and repairing water piping, drainage and appliances or you want to become a Gas Engineer, working with gas-fired appliances and heating systems; this course will prepare you for study at T Level/Level 3.

This course gives students the basic skills and knowledge needed in either industry, studying units such as plumbing science, hot & cold water systems, sanitation and drainage, central heating and electrical systems. Upon completion, students can then choose to progress to T Level Plumbing or if aged 19 or over, the Level 3 Gas Installation course, fully equipping them with the advanced knowledge and skills needed for those industries.

T Level Plumbing & Heating		Two years
Minimum entry requirements Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English, maths and science		
Alternatively	Completion of the Level 2 course and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths	

Our fantastic new T Level course is the final step at college to become a fully qualified plumber, trained with all the skills and knowledge to work in the industry. There is a great mix of both theory-based and practical learning in our bright, modern classrooms and class-leading workshops. Our expansive training facilities are second to none, where all aspects of plumbing can be practiced in fantastic workshops. You will learn the necessary skills to install plumbing infrastructure, equipment and appliances (including the kitchen sink!)

Teachers take great pride in ensuring students' skills are refined to a very high standard. You will become fully trained on all the installation tools and materials needed in this highly skilled trade.

Alongside your college studies, you will also undertake an extensive work placement with a local employer, which gives invaluable insight and experience into the real-world of working in the industry. This fantastic T Level course ensures students are provided with the knowledge, experience and qualification to start an exciting new career.



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Almost three million people are employed in the UK construction industry!

## New architectural equipment

Careful consideration is undertaken by the team and external partners on what state-of-the-art equipment a college with our aspirations require to be considered as the number one provider of T Levels and professional Construction qualifications in the North West.

Having made the decision to recently invest £80,000 in more equipment, we are proud of our wide range of specialised resources you as a student with us will be using throughout your studies including:

- **SKN Tensile strength Machine**
- **Autodesk® AutoCAD**
- **Autodesk® Revit**
- **Leica DD120 Cable Locator**
- **Leica DISTO S910 Laser Distance Pro Package**
- **Leica iCON iCB50 Total Stations Oculus Quest 2 128GB All-in-One VR Headsets**
- **Phantom 4 Pro V2.0 Surveying Drone**
- **PIX4Dmapper (The leading photogrammetry software for professional drone mapping)**
- **Ultimaker S3 3D Printers**

### Creating Careers in Design, Surveying and Planning

### Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



Want to know more about Construction, Surveying & Architecture?

Scan the QR Code above and then click on an option and you will be taken to an overview of possibilities within the industry.



The lessons, work and assignments have all been really enjoyable. My teacher knows everything about the industry and has been so helpful and supportive.



# Design, Surveying & Planning

<b>Level 2 Design, Surveying &amp; Planning for Construction</b>	One year
Three GCSEs at grade 4 including English or maths and English or maths at grade 3	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and GCSE Grade 3 in maths and English

If you want to study our fantastic T Level course but don't quite achieve the higher entry requirements, it's not a problem. We have a fantastic one-year transition course, providing you with an excellent underpinning knowledge and the qualifications to meet the T Level entry requirements. Our enthusiastic and industry expert teachers will support you, introducing you to technical skills in construction such as planning, design and surveying. You will also undertake work-based training, preparing you for the work placement you will be completing when you move up to the full T Level.

<b>T Level Design, Surveying &amp; Planning for Construction</b>	Two years
Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English, maths and science	
Alternatively	Completion of the Level 2 qualification and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths

Completing a T Level in Construction will open many doors for you. Most students who complete the course will choose to progress to university and then into fantastic careers as Architects, Surveyors, Building Services Engineers and Civil Engineers.

You will spend 80% of time in college, learning the theory and practical skills involved in the design of structures, starting with the most basic outbuildings to huge skyscrapers and suspension bridges. With access to industry standard tools and equipment such as theodolites, tensile strength machines and surveying drones. You will study units including Construction Surveying/Principles/Design/Tech, Tendering & Estimating, Project Management, Building Regulations, Graphical Detailing, Hot Water Systems, Measuring Techniques Health & Safety and much more.

The other 20% will be spent on an industry placement putting all this into action (minimum of 315 hours on placement).



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# Construction Multi-Skills

Level 2 Construction Multi Skills		One Year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English or maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification (see page 62) and satisfactory College assessment in English and maths	

This is an excellent route into the many construction industries, giving you a focused taste of four of the main trade occupations. Throughout this practical, hands-on course, you will study Bricklaying, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting & Decorating and Plastering including the underpinning theory behind the materials, techniques and processes involved. Students will be taught to hone their skills by expert teachers, in our fantastically well-equipped workshops, fitted with the latest tools, machinery and materials, as used in industry. Upon completion you will then be able to choose one of the specific trade pathways to focus on and move onto a Level 2 course in one of these fields. You will then study that trade in-depth and become equipped with the essential knowledge and skills to become ready for employment in industry.

Bricklayer  
Carpenter  
Painter  
Plasterer



# Bricklaying



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Level 1 Bricklaying		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 2		
Alternatively	Pass grade in an Entry Level 3 qualification (see page 61)	

Careers in construction require excellent technical skills which are built from the ground up. Level 1 Bricklaying forms the foundations, establishing your skills and knowledge of brickwork to an introductory level. You will start to develop and understand the basic techniques required to work in the industry and successful completion forms the entry requirements for Level 2 where you will develop more advanced skills.

This is a great introductory course for hands-on learners, with a heavy focus on practical learning. You will practice a range of different bricklaying techniques including building solid walling, isolated and attached piers, cavity walling and forming masonry structures. This is underpinned with the theory, where you will study building methods, construction technology and interpreting working drawings.

Level 2 Bricklaying		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including GCSE English and maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification	

For those serious about a career in bricklaying, advancing to Level 2 will develop your skills and knowledge in brickwork to an intermediate level, making you ready for employment. Taking the techniques and skills gained at Level 1, you will study at a greater depth and with a balanced mixture of both practical and theory-based learning. In bright, modern classrooms you will be inspired and supported by highly experienced lecturers and in our huge, indoor bricklaying workshop, you'll be able to refine your bricklaying skills in a dry and controlled environment.

# Carpentry & Joinery



Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 2		
Alternatively	Pass grade in an Entry Level 3 qualification (see page 61)	

For people who are creative and find the best way to learn is through practical tasks, studying Carpentry and Joinery is an excellent route into a life-long career. Level 1 is an excellent introduction to woodworking skills, starting with the basic crafting techniques when working with solid hardwoods, softwoods, and board materials. As well as the practical skills needed in the industry, you will study the maths, terminology and theory needed for using specialist tools used in measuring, cutting and jointing timber to size.

Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English and maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification	

Advancing to Level 2 will take the skills and knowledge you gained at Level 1 to a higher standard. You will be studying in our brand-new Carpentry and Joinery workshops equipped with everything from the latest machinery and tools to the most basic measuring devices used in leading professional workshops and building sites. This ensures you are prepared for employment in woodworking industries from property construction to product manufacturing.

T Level Carpentry & Joinery		Two years
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths		
Alternatively	Completion of the T Level Transition Programme and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths	

The T Level qualification provides the highest qualification in Carpentry & Joinery available at Southport College. Over the duration of this fantastic two-year programme you'll gain, practice and refine technical woodworking skills to a highly professional standard.

Alongside studying in our amazing workshops, you will also undertake an extensive work placement with a local employer, giving you invaluable insight and experience into the real-world of working in the industry. This fantastic T Level course ensures students are provided with the knowledge, experience and qualification to progress into an exciting new career or further in-depth study and work experience by undertaking an Apprenticeship.

# Painting & Decorating



Level 2 Painting & Decorating		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including GCSE English or maths		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification (see page 62)	

Taught in our amazing painting and decorating workshops, this fantastic course will prepare your skills to a standard ready for employment in the industry. You will be taught by industry professionals, studying techniques including the application of paint systems by brush and roller to complex areas, producing specialist decorative finishes and applying standard papers to ceilings and walls. Our workshops are designed to build your skills from the basics to more complex jobs, with practise and exam booths which have window recesses, internal and external corners, architrave, skirting, staircases and balustrades ready for decoration.

## Creating Careers in Painting and Decorating

Find out about  
opportunities and  
salaries available to you.





Centre for  
Construction

I'm interested in classic cars, so it's been great to learn about the other end of the scale with EVs and where the future of motor vehicles is heading.

# Motor Vehicle Engineering

## Creating Careers in Motor Vehicle Engineering

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



Studying Motor Vehicle Engineering at Southport College means you will learn in fantastic automotive workshops that are just like the real thing. They are fitted out with the latest industry equipment, including ramps, wheel balancers, pneumatic tools and high-tech diagnostic kits. With the UK moving ever closer to net zero, we are continually expanding our EV training facilities, having recently invested in a range of demonstration rigs including an electric vehicle rig provided by Nissan, which demonstrates all the internal workings of their EVs and hybrid vehicle system demonstration rigs.

Our fleet of cars for students to work on not only includes traditional internal combustion engine powered cars; our collection now includes hybrid and electric cars too. All this means that when you leave us, you are familiar with using all the relevant equipment and ready for the workplace with the skills and hands-on experience professional garages need their motor vehicle engineers to have.

Level 1 Light Vehicle Maintenance	One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 2 including English and maths	
Alternatively	Pass grade in an Entry Level 3 qualification (see page 61) and GCSE English and maths at grade 2 (or equivalent)

Quality training and experience is important for anyone wanting to work in the motor industry. Our Level 1 course introduces students to the basics of vehicle maintenance and repair work, through a varied programme of both practical workshop sessions and theory-based sessions. It allows students to gain the entry requirements for the Level 2 programme, whilst working towards achieving any GCSE English and/or maths qualifications required.

Students build vocational skills over the course of the year, increasing their knowledge in vital areas and components. You'll study the theory and practical aspects of lubrication systems, cooling systems, fuel & air systems, electrical systems, transmission systems, spark ignition systems, steering & suspension systems, wheels & tyres and brake systems.

Level 2 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including GCSE English and maths	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)

Our Level 2 course will train you to the standards required by employers in the vehicle maintenance and repair industry. Covering a diverse range of essential industry techniques, students will study units including removing & replacing engine units & components, removing & replacing auxiliary electrical units & components, removing & replacing chassis units & components. You'll also study ancillary topics such pre and post vehicle inspections, good workplace housekeeping, maintaining positive relationships and health and safety.

There is lots of practical work, alongside learning the theory. So you'll not only learn how to do something but you'll understand and be able to explain the "why" behind it too!

Level 3 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	One year
Minimum entry requirements Pass grade in Level 2 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE English or maths at grade 3	

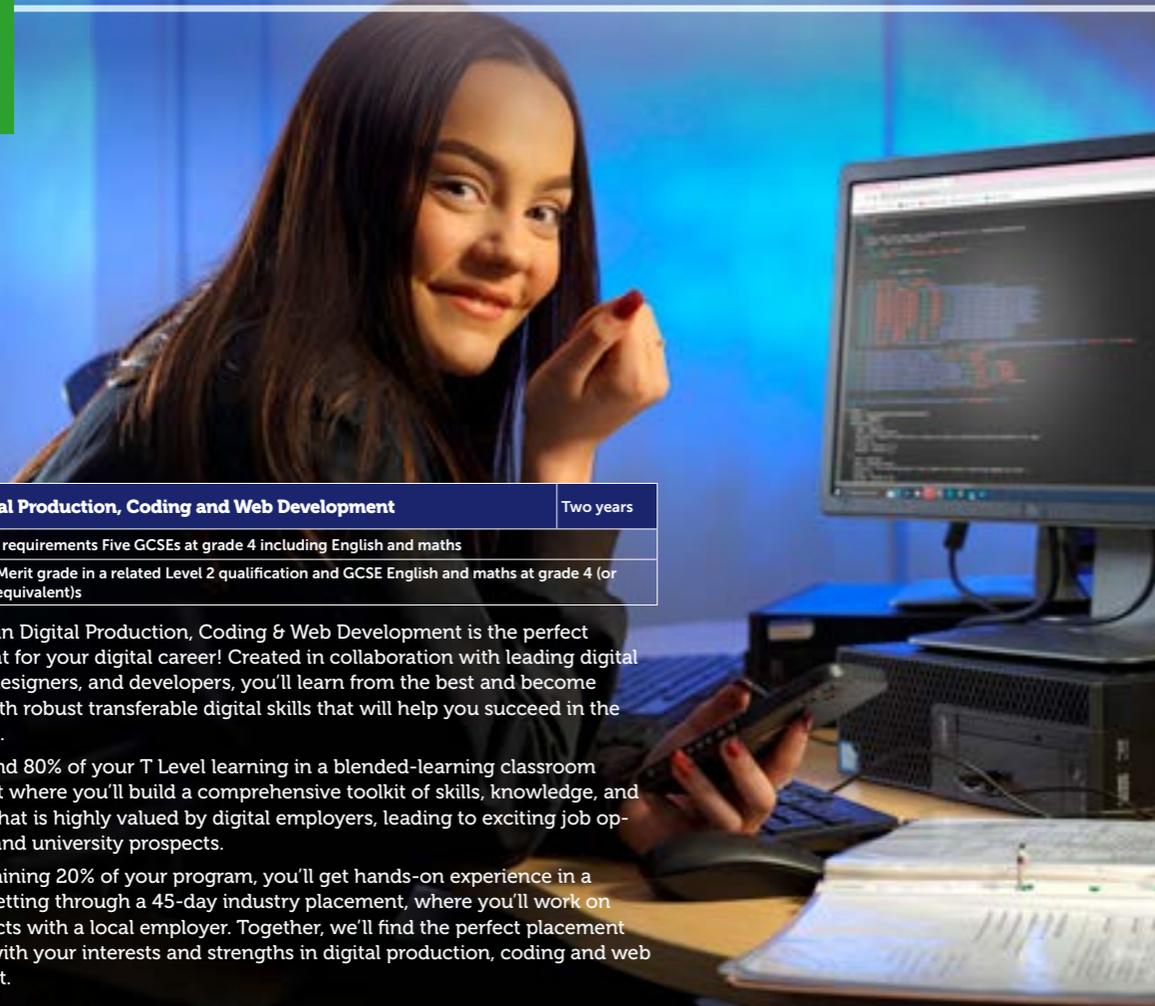
This advanced qualification is designed to meet the skill needs of motor vehicle technicians in the automotive vehicle maintenance and repair sector to a higher level.

Building on the knowledge and skills gained at Level 2, students move onto higher levels of technical knowledge and ability by studying units including the diagnosis and rectification of: light vehicle chassis system faults, auxiliary electrical components, engine & component faults and light vehicle transmission & driveline faults.

Upon completion, you will be able to competently inspect light vehicles, diagnose and rectify issues. You will be able to confidently explain your diagnosis of issues and the remedial actions required, with the thorough understanding of the underpinning theory you gain.



Enterprise  
& Early Years



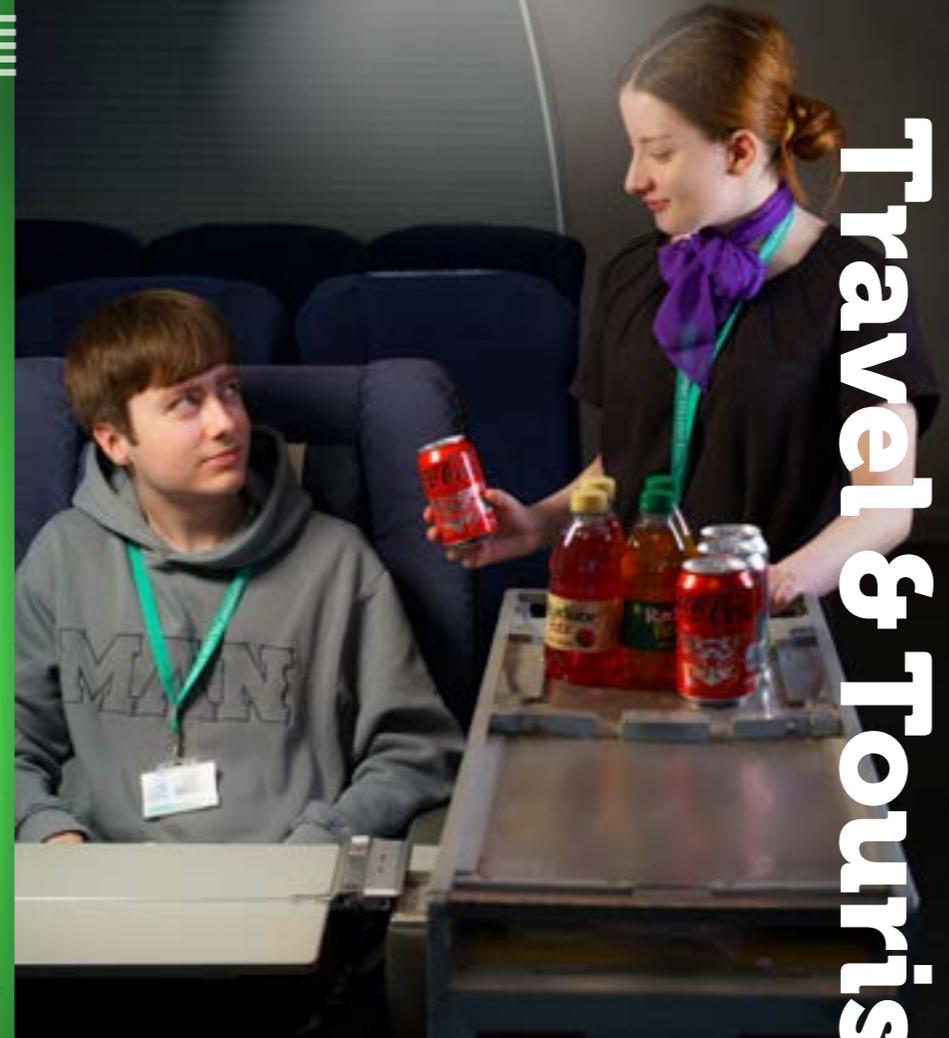
<b>T Level Digital Production, Coding and Web Development</b>		Two years
Minimum entry requirements Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths		
Alternatively	Merit grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 4 (or equivalent)s	

Our T Level in Digital Production, Coding & Web Development is the perfect starting point for your digital career! Created in collaboration with leading digital producers, designers, and developers, you'll learn from the best and become equipped with robust transferable digital skills that will help you succeed in the digital world.

You will spend 80% of your T Level learning in a blended-learning classroom environment where you'll build a comprehensive toolkit of skills, knowledge, and experience that is highly valued by digital employers, leading to exciting job opportunities and university prospects.

For the remaining 20% of your program, you'll get hands-on experience in a real-world setting through a 45-day industry placement, where you'll work on digital projects with a local employer. Together, we'll find the perfect placement that aligns with your interests and strengths in digital production, coding and web development.

# Digital Production, Coding and Web Development



# Travel & Tourism

The airport unit was really interesting for me and I loved that a cabin crew qualification is included in the course too.

<b>Level 3 Tourism Management &amp; The Visitor Economy</b>		Two years
Minimum entry requirements Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English or maths and GCSE English or maths at grade 3		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 3 (or equivalent)	

For students wanting to learn about one of the UK's most dynamic industries, this is the course for you! You will gain knowledge, experience and skills directly applicable to a future career in Travel and Tourism. Exploring all sectors of the industry, you will be well prepared for working in a wide range of jobs and environments such as airlines and airports, travel agencies, conference and event centres, cruise ships, theme parks, tourist destinations and resorts, hotels and restaurants.

The course is a fantastic blend of theory and practical learning. Our classroom includes a mock fuselage with real airline seats and equipment and you'll gain work experience on industry placements. You will investigate the industry in depth, studying topics including the UK as a destination and its attractions as well as sustainable tourism. Students learn all about tour operations, resort repping, European and long-haul travel, event hospitality, conferences and exhibitions. There's also lots of trips and visits to enrich everything you learn with real experiences.

### Creating Careers in Travel and Tourism

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.





My placement has inspired me to become an educational psychologist and help children who struggle with their behaviour.



Level 2 Early Years	One year
Three GCSEs at grade 3 including English and maths. Plus a satisfactory DBS	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification (see page 62)

Become equipped with the knowledge, skills and competencies to work with children and young people within the age range of 0 to 11 years. This course is the perfect stepping-stone to Level 3 Childcare or T Level, if you need to achieve grade 4 in your GCSE English and/or maths.

Our fantastic in-house nursery setting and classrooms emulate the real early years workplaces you are training to work in. You will learn all about a range of subject areas covering all aspects of childcare, health and education. Key topics include communication, supporting positive behaviour, equality of opportunity and partnership working.

You will also undertake practical placements, specialising in children aged under seven, with children regularly visiting from local childcare providers for you to complete planned activities with.

Also lots of trips and visits to enrich everything you learn with real experiences.

Level 3 Early Years	One year
Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English or maths and GCSE English or maths at grade 3	
Alternatively	Pass grade in Level 2 Early Years qualification and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 (or equivalent) and a satisfactory DBS

If you want to work with babies and young children, this qualification will give you the skills you need to work in a nursery, crèche, pre-school, school or children's centres. You could also work as a nanny, child minder or primary school teaching assistant.

As well as working in our on site nursery, you will attend work placements in various childcare settings and gain lots of hands-on practical experience. In college, our supportive staff will help you learn all the theory and knowledge and you will study a variety of topics ranging from promoting children's learning and development to supporting children's speech, language and communication. You will also develop knowledge and understanding of professional practice, safeguarding and supporting health and safety of children and young people.

T Level Early Years Education & Childcare	Two years
Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths. Plus a satisfactory DBS	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 4 (or equivalent) and a satisfactory DBS

Our exciting T Level programme prepares you for a career as an Early Years Educator and gives you enough UCAS points for university applications. If you're looking for experience in schools, nurseries, pre-schools, crèches and children's centres with the qualifications to back it up, this is ideal.

Integral to the T Level is a valuable work placement. You will complete a 750 hours of placement in a setting related to your early years career ambitions which forms part of your qualification, giving you a wealth of valuable experience. As well as the knowledge and skills you will need to work with children, this qualification gives you a full licence to practice, enabling you to be included in staff to child ratios.

## Creating Careers in Early Years Education

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.





### Helping you to progress

We proudly provide an amazing range of courses for everyone.

For pupils who don't meet the entry requirements for Level 2 courses and may need a little extra support in their transition from school to college, we have a fantastic selection of courses, designed with their specific needs in mind.

Our friendly team of teachers are specialists in foundation learning and provide outstanding support to their students. They learn in modern classrooms and workshops, gaining skills and confidence which fully prepares them for their next level of study.

# Foundation Learning

## Connect

A one-year programme to prepare learners for study at Entry Level 3. Upon completion, students will achieve an Entry Level 2 Qualification.

## Aspire

A one-year programme to prepare learners for study at Level 1. Upon completion, students will achieve an Entry Level 3 qualification.

## Ambition

A one-year programme to prepare learners for study at Level 2. Upon completion, students will achieve a Level 1 qualification



# Connect

Our one year Connect Course is for learners who are working towards Entry Level 2.

It is tailored to a student's individual needs and focuses on the transition to College from school as well as preparation for their next step.

### What you will study

The early part of the course focuses on developing life skills such as managing money, living healthily and managing relationships. Students will develop their independent travel skills, learn basic cookery and take part in confidence building activities and will also get involved in enterprise schemes, which are excellent for gaining basic retail and customer service skills, as well as team working and idea generation.

Students also continue to develop their English and maths and have a dedicated Progress Tutor to help them prepare for their next step.

As the students progress, they can study for a qualification to prepare them for supported living or the work place or they can continue with the next level of study.

### What you can achieve

When they are ready, students can progress on to our Aspire Course and gain a qualification in Further Learning or employment.

## Confidence and skills for you

Our Connect courses are designed to give students the confidence and skills to progress on to the Entry Level 3 Aspire Course or one of our vocational courses. The course also develops the students' ability to move towards independent living or the possibility of work experience through a supported internship.

Starting college can be a very daunting experience for many students on our Connect courses, so we take great care in ensuring that the transition from school to college goes as smoothly as possible. We offer group and individual orientation visits and taster days that take place before students come to College in September. These visits help to introduce students to the College at their own pace and are tailor-made to suit them.

By offering the necessary support and guidance needed to help them to succeed, we ensure many of our students who start on our Connect courses progress through College to higher level courses and on to employment.

### Why you should choose Southport College

There is dedicated classroom space for the Connect courses, with specialist resources and equipment.

We have invested in a brand new facility, kitted out with all the technology and utilities in a modern home. This is the perfect environment to gain independent living skills.

We offer extensive support in the form of group and 1:1 support as well as lunch-time and break supervision.

We have a Learning Support Hub in College for students to enjoy some quiet time during break and lunch times.

The College has been delivering courses for young people with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities (LDD) for many years.

As a College we are redeveloping our courses in line with the Government's latest curriculum initiatives.



# Aspire

The Aspire Course is for learners who are working towards Entry Level 3 and forms part of the Extended Certificate in Further Learning and Employment.

It has been designed to help you progress towards the world of work, whilst at the same time helping you become a more independent mature young adult both in learning and life.

### The course has three key elements:

#### Preparing for adulthood

This includes independent living; health and fitness; budgeting and communication skills.

#### English and maths

Classes to help you achieve these important qualifications.

#### Future Skills

Preparing you for your future employability and digital skills, as well as personal development.

Giving you a flavour of a wide range of courses. This will help you build your skills and decide what you might like to study in more detail the following year.

## Helping you to progress

The Aspire course is designed to help students progress towards the world of work and/or Level 1 vocational courses at the College. Aspire is a fantastic option for Entry Level learners.

It allows you to try a range of different subjects before focusing on and progressing in one vocational area.

You will also be working towards gaining English or maths qualifications.

### Why you should choose Southport College

We have fantastic facilities for all our college students and our Aspire facilities are second to none! There is dedicated classroom space and specialist resources and equipment; as well as realistic working environments and a large well equipped sports hall and gym. What's more, we have just finished building a brand new life skills area, complete with all the facilities and utilities in a modern home, which is brilliant for improving your cooking and independent living skills.

All our teachers are friendly, supportive and very welcoming. They are all experienced and want you to achieve your very best. They are here to help you every step of the way.

### What you will study

These range from year to year depending on the interests of the students but may include:

- **Life skills**  
Independent living; health and fitness; budgeting and communication skills.
- **Skills for further learning and employment**
- **Enterprise**
- **Independence Skills**
- **Budgeting and Money Management**
- **Health & Fitness**
- **Digital Skills**

Successful students may be able to progress to a Level 1 course in their chosen vocational area or a supported internship.

## What you will study

### Maths & English

Employability skills including:

- **Developing interpersonal skills**
- **Healthy living**
- **Preparation for work**
- **Respecting equality and diversity in the workplace**
- **Safeguarding online and in daily life**
- **Teamwork skills**

Students may also take part in a work placement related to their subject.

## What you can achieve

Successful students may be able to progress to a Level 2 course or Apprenticeship in their chosen vocational area or a supported internship.

## A course for you

### Ambition Level 1

One year

Entry requirements  
Minimum 2 GCSEs at grade 2 and English and maths at grade 1; or completion of our Aspire course and English and maths GCSE (or equivalent) at grade 1.

### Progression

Level 2 course, employment or Apprenticeship.

## A career for you

Our Level 1 pathways allow you to explore and gain skills in five exciting vocational areas whilst at the same time developing your maths, English and employability skills.

The course takes a year to complete and there are 5 pathways to choose from.

They are a great introduction to the subjects and are designed to help you choose what you might like to progress to at Level 2.

## Why you should choose Southport College

We have realistic working environments for you to learn in, fantastic English and maths support and really friendly encouraging industry experienced teachers. You will also have lots of opportunities to gain employability skills and really grow your confidence.

## Ambition Level 1 Pathways

### Ambition Caring Professions

Learn in our amazing hospital room, early years nursery and classroom, preparing you for Health and Social Care or Child-care courses.

### Ambition Construction Multi Skills

Prepare for your trade of choice, learning lots of skills in our wonderful Bricklaying, Painting & Decorating and Plastering workshops.

### Ambition Hair & Beauty

Get yourself ready for a career in hair and beauty, learning the latest tools and techniques in our fabulous Concept Salons.

### Ambition Creative Industries

Carve a future in the world of art, creative media and photography, in our stunning studios, with traditional and state-of-the-art tools.

### Ambition Sport & Outdoor Activities

Train for a career in sports, fitness and outdoor activities including water sports, climbing and orienteering.



I like everything about the course, everyone is so supportive and friendly and the Foundation Learning apartment is amazing with really great facilities.



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# How do I apply?

Our open events are the ideal opportunity to view our fantastic facilities, meet our friendly, industry-experienced teachers, get a real feel for life at Southport College and to prepare for joining us in September. Families are welcome too and it's the perfect time to find about our unrivalled student support, travel passes and lots of other important College information.

## Step 1

### Attend an Open Event

**Autumn Term**  
Monday  
9 October 2023  
4.30 - 7.00pm

Thursday  
23 November 2023  
4.30 - 7.00pm

**Spring Term**  
Monday  
25 March 2024  
4.30 - 7.00pm

## Step 2

### Apply online at [southport.ac.uk](https://southport.ac.uk).

We advise our students to do this as early as possible as our most popular courses do fill up fast!

## Step 3

### Your application

After we receive your application, we will invite you to a course discussion to check if the course is right for you. It's also your chance to ask about things such as travel passes or learning support.

There are lots of dates to choose from parents or guardians are welcome too.

## Step 4

### Formal offer

Following a positive course discussion you will be offered a place to become a Southport College student.

## Step 5

### Enrolment

During the summer break all applicants will be sent a link to our application portal. This enables you to check all your details are correct and you've given us all the information we need.

You will then be sent your individual enrolment date and time. This will usually be for either the day of or the day following GCSE results and takes place on campus.

You will need to bring proof of your results, then you complete your enrolment and collect your college ID badge, all ready for term to start.

It's quick and simple and parents or guardians are welcome too.

## Step 6

### Joining us as a student

Your course will begin at the start of September 2024. You will receive information about your start date and timetable towards the end of August.

If you have any questions during any of these stages then please get in touch.

Once you've decided on the right course for you, the quickest and easiest way to apply to Southport College is online at [southport.ac.uk](https://southport.ac.uk).



How do I apply?

**We are proud to have a positive, high expectation learning environment that allows our students to excel in their future careers, education & life.**

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